



Clean Energy Future Committee

Date: June 28, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Lyons Hearing Room, Arlington Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present: Dave Levy, Ken Pruitt, Shelly Dein, Jim DiTullio, Adam Chapdelaine, Marc Breslow, Coralie Cooper, Ryan Katofsky.

Members Absent: Dan Amstutz, Emily Sullivan, Pasi Miettinen, Nellie Aikenhead.

The meeting convened at 8:10 a.m.

Approve Minutes from the May 24, 2019 Meeting:

The minutes were not approved at this meeting as they were not yet drafted.

Pruitt asked to discuss the final agenda item first, which was to schedule the next committee meeting. Pruitt noted that MAPC was still in the process of finalizing its contract with the firm that will produce Arlington's greenhouse gas inventory, DNV GL, and thus commencement of that work is delayed. Given this delay and that not everyone can make meetings in the summer, Pruitt asked if the Committee should skip its July 30th scheduled meeting. Breslow wondered if the Committee should instead try to meet with DNV GL and MAPC sometime before September in lieu of its summer meeting. The Committee agreed with this proposal and will meet in the summer on this basis. Pruitt will schedule the meeting.

Between agenda items, Chapdelaine informed the Committee that Select Board Member Dan Dunn will attend as the CEFC representative from the Select Board. Chapdelaine will reach out to DPW and the School Dept. to recruit a representative from each.

Update on MAPC / 3-Town Net Zero Planning

Mr. Pruitt informed the Committee that for the GHG inventory, 2017 would be the baseline year. This is the last year of available data on emissions, noting that 2014 would be the last available year of vehicle emissions. The Committee and town attendees discussed the various pros and cons for either moving forward using this baseline or if certain adjustments should be made. A town attendee mentioned that 2017 should be adjusted for any seasonal weather events that occurred far outside the patterns of the last ten years. Mr. Katofsky mentioned that Community Choice Aggregation data (data from residents who choose to procure their power in part or entirely from renewable sources) should be incorporated into the baseline. The Committee agreed to look at these possible adjustments in more detail. Mr. Pruitt also noted, in response to a question from a town attendee, that while 2050 is the plan for net zero emissions, interim goals could be set between now and 2050.

Mr. Pruitt turned to the proposed stakeholder analysis. Mr. Pruitt noted the proposed list was lengthy and outreach to everyone would require considerable resources. Mr. Pruitt wanted to have a discussion about the proposed list as well as hard to reach stakeholders.

Throughout the conversation, several people offered corrections to the proposed list either based on initial categorization, status, etc.

The Committee noted that several groups on this list could be considered “communications channels” rather than actual stakeholder groups. Ms. Cooper noted that the Human Rights Commission was not on the list and should be on the list. Ms. Dein noted that some religious communities/groups are based in other towns but host substantial amounts of Arlington residents.

Mr. Breslow emphasized that low income and renters are important groups to reach out to. Ms. Dein mentioned the Housing Authority and Housing Corporation and the Food Pantry could also be starting points for this outreach.

Mr. Katofsky appreciated the distinction between a stakeholder and outreach channel. Mr. Katofsky mentioned groups such as the sports clubs of Arlington. Mr. Katofsky noted that communication with large groups such as sports clubs could be of value.

Ms. Dein wanted to know if every group was relevant to the goals of the CEFC and the net zero emissions plan.

A participant mentioned that Town Day could be a good discussion opportunity. Mr. Pruitt agreed.

Mr. Pruitt noted that MAPC wants the CEFC outreach plan to be finalized in the fall of 2019. However, the Committee noted it needed to clarify several points about the specifics of such a plan with the MAPC prior to submitting it.

Other Business

Mr. Pruitt mentioned that the “Goals and Objectives for this Committee” section of the agenda would be tabled until the September meeting so that full attendance could be present for the discussion.

The Meeting Ended at 9:03AM.

Submitted by Dave Levy